

SENATE BILL 3164  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-152,  
relative to speed limits and penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-152(g)(1), is amended by deleting that subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(A) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the department of transportation is authorized to lower the speed limits prescribed in this section, and on the state system of roads and highways, as it deems appropriate due to concerns regarding the roadway, traffic, or other conditions. Said authorization to reduce the speed limits set by this section shall be in addition to the authority conveyed by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-153.

(B) When the department of transportation shall determine that it is necessary to reduce the speed limits set in subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner of transportation shall so indicate the reduced speed limit via a letter of policy statement and the commissioner shall cause signs indicating the new speed limit to be erected.

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, the municipalities of the state are hereby authorized to set speed limits on the public roads and streets within their jurisdiction and not a part of the interstate and national defense highway system nor any access controlled highway on the state road and highway system. In addition, the counties of this state are hereby authorized to set speed limits on the public roads and highways within their jurisdiction and not a part of the interstate

or state highway system. Said limits for both municipalities and counties shall not exceed fifty-five (55) miles per hour.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1996, the public welfare requiring it.

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